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Intensive Paramilitary Training for Junior Operations Officers

REF : Memorandum from [redacted], PP/PMD for Chief,
PP/PMD, dated 26 August 1959: "Analysis of Present
Paramilitary Personnel Capability as Related to Covert
(Denied) Limited Warfare Concept and Proposed Courses
of Action." (See para. III. B. 4. of Attachment thereto)

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1. Reference is made also to our meetings with Mr. [redacted] on 25X1A9A
2 October and 18 August 1959 during which the possibility of an
intensive, one-year PM course was raised. Although to date OTR
has received no firm requirement for an intensive, approximately one-
year-long paramilitary training course for junior operations officers,
it may be useful to inform or suggest to the PP/PMD what such a
course might include.

2. In so doing, we probably ought to make a few basic
assumptions:

a. that the trainees will be former JOT's or other young,
medically fit operations, intelligence, or training officers who
have had at least one CIA duty tour overseas;

b. that the objective is to train these men as paramilitary
operational specialists in the broad sense of the term;

c. that as individuals, they may with additional training
and experience become specialists or experts in one or more
of the fields of paramilitary operations;

d. that paramilitary operations should be considered in
the broader context of the Agency's covert action responsibility;

e. that the paramilitary specialist should also be trained
to produce operational intelligence in support of his operation
as well as to exploit the potential of the operation for other
positive and counterintelligence information.

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3. It is suggested that the major blocks of instruction for the proposed course include the following:

a. Preparatory, or Introduction

- (1) Covert Action Operations Course
- (2) Orientation to Contingency Force Operations
- (3) Orientation to Hot War Planning

b. Clandestine Fieldcraft (Paramilitary Operations)



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c. Intelligence

- (1) Operational Intelligence
- (2) Order of Battle
- (3) Reports (refresher)
- (4) Counterintelligence (refresher)
- (5) Counterintelligence reports
- (6) ELINT (orientation)
- (7) Photography and Basic Photo Intelligence

d. Medical

- (1) Field First Aid and Medical Support
- (2) "Civic Action" field medicine

- (3) Medical Logistics; Evacuation
- (4) Narcotics
- (5) Accident Reports, etc.

e. Logistics

Orientation; CIA capabilities and procedures for support of PM operations in contingencies or Hot War.

f. Communications

Orientation and practical field exercise in clandestine field communications (electronic).

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- (1) Orientation
- (2) Functions, support capabilities, relationships in re contingency or JUWTF operations
- (3) Special Forces operations and capabilities
- (4) Jump training (one week)

h. Instructor Training

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4. Your comments and suggestions would be appreciated, before we go into this any further with PP/PMD.

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